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- ☒ Patent Specification and 1 Declaration(s).
- ☒ 3 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation (includes Recordation Form Cover Sheet).
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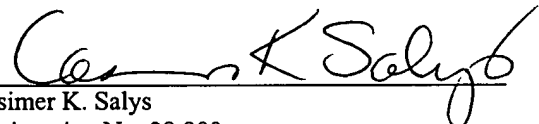
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